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SUBJECT: CODEL ALBERT PROGRAM

REF: (A) BUCHAREST 3677; (B) STATE 181985; (C) STATE 180678

1. PROGRAM CHANGES: GNA SECRETARIAT HEAD BUZILA, AFTER REVIEWING
CODEL PROGRAM WITH GNA PRESIDENT GIOSAN, AUGUST 6 PROPOSED
FOLLOWING MINOR CHANGES IN SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 SCHEDULE:

0900-1000 CODEL MEMBERS TO MEET WITH BRASOV
FIRST SECRETARY AND RCP POLITICAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEMBER, VIRGIL TROFIN (WHO WILL HOST 1330 LUNCHEON
SAME
AYWOM

1000-1100 CODEL PLUS WIVES TOUR BRASOV JTY, INCLUDING
STOP AT BLACK CHURCH FOR ORGAN CONCERT.

1100 THOSE CODEL MEMBERS WITH AGRICULTURAL
BACKGROUND AND INTEREST WILL PROCEED TO PREJMER STATE
FARM FOR VISIT; OTHERS WILL REMAIN IN BRASOV TO CONTINUE
CITY TOUR. ALL WILL MEET AT POIANA BRASOV FOR 1330
LUNCHEON. REST OF DAY REMAINS SAME. (COMMENT: BUZILA
EXPLAINED GIOSAN FELT CODEL SHOULD HAVE CHZ
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FE TO MEET

THEIR INFLUENTIAL HOST PRIOR TO LUNCHEON. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT CODEL APPROVE THIS MODIFICATION AS TROFIN IS ONE OF THE MORE INTERESTING HIGH-LEVEL ROMANIAN POLITICAL PERSONALITIES, SOMETIMES CITES AS A POSSIBLE CEAUSESCU SUCCESSOR. OTHER CHANGE IS DUE DESIRE OFFER THOSE WHO MIGHT NOT BE INTERESTED IN VISITING STATE FARM, PARTICULARLY WIVES, OPTION TO REMAIN IN BRASOV FOR MORE RELAXED SIGHT-SEEING.)

2. DINNER OR RECEPTION: BUZILA ALSO DELIVERED WHAT HE CALLED "PERSONAL PLEA" FROM GNA PRESIDENT GIOSAN THAT AMBASSADOR CONSIDER CHANGING HIS SCHEDULE 1930 AUGUST 18 DINNER TO A RECEPTION IN ORDER TO GIVE CODEL EXPOSURE TO A GREATER AND MORE VARIED NUMBER OF ROMANIAN GUESTS. WE REMINDED GNA OF SPEAKER ALBERT'S DESIRE TO RECIPROCATATE ROMANIAN HOSPITALITY WITH DINNER, BUT GNA OFFICIALS PERSISTED IN PLEA TO RECONSIDER, STATING SPEAKER UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO RECIPROCATATE WITH DINNER, PARTICULARLY WHEN RECEPTION MIGHT BE MORE APPROPRIATE. PLEASE ADVISE SPEAKER'S PREFERENCE IN THIS REGARD. (COMMENT: ALTHOUGH WE ARE PUZZLED BY THIS GOR PREFERENCE FOR RECEPTION, AMBASSADOR STILL INCLINED TOWARDS DINNER AS THE MORE INTERESTING AND SUBSTANTIVE OPTION, WHICH WOULD AFFORD CODEL MORE RELAXED OCCASION TO MEET WITH ROMANIAN GUESTS. HOWEVER, WE MIGHT CONSIDER COMBINING DINNER WITH PRIOR RECEPTION TO WHICH A GREATER NUMBER OF ROMANIANS COULD BE INVITED, AND THEREBY MEET ROMANIAN DESIRES TO BROADEN CODEL EXPOSURE.)

3. CEAUSESCU MEETING: NOW LIKELY TAKE PLACE AROUND NOON OF FIRST DAY, 8/15, AT CEAUSESCU'S NEPTUN COMPOUND. GNA HAS SUGGESTED THAT MEETING INCLUDE CODEL WIVES, AS ELENA CEAUSESCU WILL ALSO BE PRESENT, ALTHOUGH NO FINAL DECISION YET TAKEN.

4. CODEL HOST. IT HAS NOW BEEN DECIDED THAT GNA PRESIDENT GIOSAN HIMSELF WILL ACCOMPANY CODEL THROUGHOUT ITS ENTIRE VISIT, I.E. TO ALL CONSTANTA, BUCHAREST, AND RLRASOV OFFICIAL EVENTS.

5. INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS: (A) REPRESENTATIVE FOLEY'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEETING WITH AGRICULTURAL MINISTER MICULESCU IS SCHEDULED FOR 1500 AUGUST 18; (B) REPRESENTATIVE MICHEL'S MEETING WITH GHEORGHE NENCIU, CHIEF, DEPARTMENT OF CULTS IS STILL BEING ARRANGED, BUT LIKELY TAKE PLACE IN PM, AUGUST 18; (C) ROMANIANS HAVE ALSO RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM REPRESENTATIVE GREEN'S OFFICE FOR A MEETING WITH RABBI ROSEN, WHICH THEY ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE ESCORT OFFICER TO ALL OF ABOVE MEETINGS.

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